The Satisfaction Of Serving

"Here To Serve", Part 3 of 4
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"For <u>even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve</u>, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45, NIV)

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, '<u>Here am I. Send me!</u>'"
(Isaiah 6:8, NIV)

When I Serve, I Find Satisfaction Because…

1) …I can find my ___SPIRITUAL SWEET SPOT___ in life.

"Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. Now if the foot should say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,' it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. And if the ear should say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. If the whole body were and eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? <u>But in fact God has placed the parts of the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be</u>. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body."
(1 Corinthians 12:14-20, NIV)

2) …I can make a ___SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE___ in the world.

"Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, '<u>The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few</u>. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, <u>to send out workers into his harvest field</u>.'" (Matthew 9:35-38, NIV)

**See Matthew 10 where Jesus sends out the 12 disciples to make a difference.*

3) …I can honor the ___SOURCE OF REAL LIFE___, Jesus Christ.

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' The King will reply, '<u>Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me</u>.'" (Matthew 25:37-40, NIV)

4) …I'll one day receive my ___SERVING REWARD__ for eternity.

"Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, <u>and his servants will serve him</u>. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. <u>And they will reign for ever and ever</u>." (Revelation 22:1-5, NIV)